

Minutes of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96113746887>

Meeting ID: 961 1374 6887

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Commissioner Smith

ROLL CALL:

- Commissioner Azzaro Present
- Commissioner Brown Present
- Commissioner Frankenhauser Absent
- Commissioner Palmer Present
- Commissioner Smith Present

Others present:

- Executive Director/CEO Z. Fosler
- Tarah Hearn, YHC
- LaTasha Dexter, Millennia, Hamilton Crossing
- Marquan Jackson, Family Empowerment Program

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. R. Smith moved to place FEP update after City Council comments. Y. Azzaro moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by T. Palmer.

Motion passed 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Smith asked if there were any changes to be made to the meeting minutes December 14, 2020. T. Palmer moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Y. Azzaro.

Motion passed 4-0

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: None.

FEP UPDATES: Marquan Jackson gave an update on Family Empowerment Program activities. Two staff members have received the COVID19 vaccine. The FEP has received a donation of PPE supplies (masks, etc.) that will be distributed to residents. Interviews are ongoing for a Permanent-Supportive Housing Coordinator at New Parkridge and an Education Coordinator to serve all sites. The learning lab at New Parkridge (8am-3pm) has been running smoothly. The County has provided funding for community spaces at each YHC site to be deep cleaned for more tutoring labs. Lamar Thomas, Neighborhood Cares Coordinator, has been doing great work with our senior population including making/distributing holiday gift baskets. Staff members are currently onsite three days a week and have the option to return to working onsite full-time. Staff has also been assisting residents in applying for eviction prevention funding from the County. The FEP is working on accreditation for PSH provider status. Food pantries are ongoing and staff is working on a system to make sure take-home boxes are ready upon the resident's arrival.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT UPDATES: LaTasha Dexter gave an update on Hamilton Crossing. Phase II is 100% occupied and Phase I has 13 vacancies. There are 11 applications in process to fill the vacant units.

OLD BUSINESS

- Z. Fosler stated that he will provide a MERS follow up at the next meeting.

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MONTHLY REPORTS:

- **Regulatory, Oversight, & Legal Actions:** Z. Fosler stated that there are a few evictions taking place due to community disruption. The resident who caused a unit fire has moved out and property management is just waiting for keys to be returned.
- **Development Update:** None.
- **Facilities & Security Update:** Z. Fosler stated there was a shooting incident at New Parkridge yesterday. He will forward information to the board as soon as he receives it. Solar Ypsi has reached out to discuss solar panel installation for the community buildings at additional YHC sites.
- **Finance Reports:** The board reviewed and discussed financial reports and the finance cover sheet.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- **Workplan Update:** Z. Fosler stated that the ED 2020 workplan was largely overshadowed due to more pressing resident and organizational needs during the pandemic. He has sent out the 2020 workplan for the board to review and he will be working on the 2021 workplan with the Board Chair between now and the February meeting. Z. Fosler stated that he will be meeting with each commissioner one-on-one during the month of January.
- **COVID19 Vaccine:** Z. Fosler stated that the Washtenaw County Health Department has approved employees of the YHC and its subcontractors that regularly work at YHC properties to receive the vaccine.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Azzaro: No comment

Commissioner Brown: No comment

Commissioner Palmer: She stated that she is happy that everyone is safe and healthy.

Commissioner Smith: She stated that each member of the board should look at the monthly report section and pick an area to focus on. She stated that Guy George is running for NAHRO Senior Vice President and she encouraged the board to endorse.

ADJOURN: T. Palmer moved to adjourn, second by Y. Azzaro. **Passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm**

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Ypsilanti Housing Commission and its Board of Commissioners, of the City of Ypsilanti, Michigan, hereby authorize the Executive Director to sign the approved Board of Commissioners minutes of January 13, 2021.

	YEAS	NAYS	ABSENT
Commissioner Azzaro	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Brown	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Frankenhauser	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Palmer	_____	_____	_____
Commissioner Smith	_____	_____	_____

Zachary D. Fosler, Executive Director & CEO